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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 have been amended. Claims 5-17 are newly submitted. Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. The specification has been amended to correspond to the drawings and to correct informalities. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and these remarks.

I. Drawings

The drawings were objected to as including reference signs not mentioned in the description. The specification has been amended to include the missing reference signs in the description. In addition, a reference sign in Fig. 2 has been re-numbered to avoid duplicative use of the reference sign, and the specification has been amended accordingly. No new matter has been added.

II. Claim Objections

Claim 3 was objected to as containing an informality. Claim 3 has been amended, as suggested by the Examiner, to overcome the claim objection.

III. The § 102 and § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,449,269 ("Edholm").

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edholm in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,526,131 ("Zimmerman").

Claim 1, as amended, recites one or more communication ports that are integrated onto a same chip as a Voice-over-Internet Protocol processor core. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in the specification at page 3, lines 26-28, and FIG. 2.

Edholm fails to disclose one or more communication ports that are integrated onto a same chip as a Voice-over-Internet Protocol processor core. While Edholm may disclose a packet voice telephony system including a processor and a port coupled to a physical MAC transport and a port coupled to an A/D converter, Edholm nevertheless fails to disclose that the ports are integrated onto a same chip as the processor. See MPEP 2163.07 - "To establish inherency, the extrinsic evidence must make clear that the missing descriptive matter is necessarily present in

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the thing described in the reference, and that it would be so recognized by persons of ordinary skill. Inherency, however, may not be established by probabilities or possibilities. The mere fact that a certain thing may result from a given set of circumstances is not sufficient.” *In re Robertson*, 169 F.3d 743, 745, 49 USPQ2d 1949, 1950-51 (Fed. Cir. 1999). Claim 1 is, therefore, allowable over Edholm.

Zimmerman, as with Edholm, also fails to disclose one or more communication ports that are integrated onto a same chip as a Voice-over-Internet Protocol processor core. Instead, Zimmerman discloses interfaces that are external to a processor – including a modem interface 30, a peripheral connect interface 31 (e.g., a USB interface), and a user interface 32 (col. 7, l. 66 – col. 8, l. 5). Claim 1, is therefore, allowable over Zimmerman.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reason as set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 6 and 10 each recite one or more universal serial bus (USB) ports integrated onto a single chip (as a Voice-over-Internet Protocol network processor) through an FPI bus. The one or more USB ports are operable to provide an interface between the Voice-over-Internet Protocol network processor and one or more USB compatible devices without having to provide external interfacing circuitry.

Neither Edholm nor Zimmerman disclose one or more universal serial bus (USB) ports integrated onto a single chip, in which the one or more USB ports are operable to provide an interface between the Voice-over-Internet Protocol network processor and one or more USB compatible devices without having to provide external interfacing circuitry.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

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